

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 111

BY BUSINESS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS AND JOURNEYMEN; AMENDING SECTION 54-1007, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS RELATING TO EXAMINATION AND LICENSING REQUIREMENTS AND TO PROVIDE CORRECT TERMINOLOGY; AMENDING SECTION 54-1008, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS RELATING TO LICENSING AND REGISTRATION PERIODS; AMENDING SECTION 54-1013, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE REVIVAL OF AN EXPIRED LICENSE; AND AMENDING SECTION 54-1014, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE CERTAIN FEES.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 54-1007, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

54-1007. ISSUANCE OF LICENSES – RECIPROCITY. (1) The administrator shall issue licenses to such persons as have by examination shown themselves to be fit, competent and qualified to engage in the trade of journeyman electrician, specialty electrician or master electrician as defined in section 54-1003A, Idaho Code, and to such persons, firms, partnerships, associations or corporations as have shown themselves to be fit, competent and qualified to engage in the business of electrical contracting or specialty electrical contracting as defined in section 54-1003A, Idaho Code.

(2) An apprentice electrician, as defined in section 54-1003A, Idaho Code, may take the journeyman's examination if he has completed the required related instruction for electrical apprentices as approved by the Idaho state board for professional-technical education, completion of which shall be evidenced by a certificate from an approved provider, and has worked the number of hours as prescribed by the Idaho electrical board, provided that for ~~each such year~~ all the time he is claiming to have worked as an apprentice electrician, the apprentice shall have been registered with the division of building safety as an apprentice, ~~paid an apprentice registration fee, and submitted with his annual application for apprentice registration verification of employment, the number of instructional hours completed and the number of hours worked.~~ The electrical board may, by rule, fix the apprentice registration fee, in an amount not to exceed the costs of issuing apprentice registration certificates and enforcing the apprentice registration provisions of this ~~act~~ chapter, and may also by rule establish requirements relative to the manner of verification of employment, the number of instructional hours completed, continuation training and the number of hours worked.

(a) All verification of employment forms submitted by an apprentice shall be entered into and maintained in the apprentice's file by the division of building safety. The division of building safety shall provide the apprentice online access to this information.

(b) An apprentice who has completed the number of instructional hours and has not taken or passed the journeyman's examination within two (2) years of completion of the

instructional training hours, shall provide proof of continuation training as set by rule of the electrical board.

(bc) An apprentice who has not advanced in apprenticeship training for a period of two (2) years shall complete continuation training as set by rule of the electrical board.

(3) Any person who has worked as a licensed journeyman for a period of not less than four (4) years and who has worked the number of hours as prescribed by rule of the board as a licensed journeyman electrician shall be considered as qualified to apply for a master electrician's license in this state. The Idaho electrical board, in establishing by rule the requirements for a master electrician's license, shall also take into account the applicant's performance as a journeyman electrician.

(4) Any person with out-of-state experience who has worked as a journeyman electrician or as an apprentice electrician for a period of four (4) years, and who has met such other requirements as established by rule of the board, shall be considered as qualified to apply for a journeyman electrician's license in this state.

(5) To the extent that other states which provide for the licensing of electricians provide for similar action, the administrator, on the recommendation of the Idaho electrical board, may grant licenses to electricians licensed by such other states, upon payment by the applicant of the required fee and upon furnishing proof to the board that the applicant has qualifications at least equal to those provided herein for applicants for written examinations. Applicants who qualify for a license under this subsection are not required to take a written examination.

SECTION 2. That Section 54-1008, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

54-1008. DURATION OF LICENSE. (1) All licenses, including license renewals, for master electricians, journeyman electricians and specialty journeyman electricians shall issue for a period of three (3) years, and shall expire three (3) years from the date of issue unless renewed, revoked or suspended.

(2) Electrical contractor, and specialty electrical contractor ~~and apprentice/specialty trainee~~ licenses issued after July 1, 2002, shall issue for a period of one (1) year, and shall expire one (1) year from the date of issue unless renewed, revoked or suspended.

(3) Electrical apprentice registrations issued or renewed after July 1, 2009, shall be issued for a period of five (5) years.

(4) Electrical specialty trainee registrations issued or renewed after July 1, 2009, shall be issued for a period of three (3) years.

(5) Each licensing period and each registration period shall end at midnight on the last day of the month of the licensing or registration period. Licenses and registrations not renewed by this date shall have expired.

(46) The board shall promulgate rules to provide for a staggered system of issuing and renewing licenses.

SECTION 3. That Section 54-1013, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

54-1013. RENEWAL OF LICENSES – INACTIVE LICENSES. (1) A license once issued under this chapter, unless revoked or suspended as herein provided, may be renewed at any time during the final month of the licensing period on the payment of the renewal fee

herein specified, proof of satisfaction of the continuing education requirements as established by the electrical board, and provided that all outstanding civil penalties, and permit or other fees, have been paid in full, and all outstanding correction notices have been satisfactorily resolved. For electrical contractors and specialty electrical contractors, proof of liability insurance in the amount of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) shall also be required, and proof of worker's compensation insurance shall be required if applicable.

(2) Any license which has expired may be revived at any time within one (1) year from the ~~first~~ last day of the final month of the licensing period, by payment of the revival fee herein specified, together with all outstanding civil penalties, and permit or other fees and penalties, and upon proof that outstanding correction notices have been satisfactorily resolved. For electrical contractors and specialty electrical contractors, proof of liability insurance in the amount of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) shall also be required, and proof of worker's compensation insurance shall be required if applicable.

(3) Certificates of competency issued prior to July 1, 1961, shall, for the purpose of this chapter, be considered as licenses and may be renewed or revived as herein provided.

(4) The administrator may renew, on an inactive basis, the license of an electrical contractor or specialty contractor who is not engaged in electrical contracting in this state. The board shall fix and collect an inactive license fee for such an inactive license renewal in an amount not to exceed one hundred fifty dollars (\$150). Each inactive license shall be issued for a period of one (1) year. An electrical contractor or specialty contractor holding an inactive license may not engage in the practice of electrical contracting or specialty contracting in this state. If an electrical contractor or specialty contractor wishes to convert his inactive license to an active license, he may do so by paying a processing fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00) and providing proof of the required liability insurance and applicable worker's compensation insurance.

SECTION 4. That Section 54-1014, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

54-1014. FEES. The administrator of the division of building safety shall charge the following fees:

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| (1) Application for license | \$ 15.00 |
| (2) One-year licenses: | |
| (a) Electrical contractor license | \$125.00 |
| (b) Electrical contractor license renewal | 100.00 |
| (c) Electrical contractor license revival | 125.00 |
| (d) Apprentice/specialty trainee registration and working license | 10.00 |
| (e) Specialty contractor license | 125.00 |
| (f) Specialty contractor license renewal | 100.00 |
| (g) Specialty contractor license revival | 125.00 |
| (3) Three-year licenses, in accordance with sections 54-1008 and 54-1013, Idaho Code: | |
| (a) Master electrician license | \$65.00 |
| (b) Master electrician license renewal | 45.00 |
| (c) Master electrician license revival | 55.00 |
| (d) Journeyman electrician license | 55.00 |
| (e) Journeyman electrician license renewal | 45.00 |
| (f) Journeyman electrician license revival | 55.00 |

- 1 (g) Specialty journeyman electrician license 55.00
 2 (h) Specialty journeyman electrician license renewal 45.00
 3 (i) Specialty journeyman electrician license revival 55.00
 4 (j) Specialty trainee registration and working license 30.00
 5 (i) At the time the specialty trainee applies for a specialty journeyman electrician
 6 license, the pro rata value of any remaining time on a specialty trainee working
 7 license shall be credited toward the purchase of the specialty journeyman
 8 electrician license.
 9 (4) Five-year licenses, in accordance with sections 54-1008 and 54-1013, Idaho Code:
 10 (a) Apprentice electrician registration and working license \$50.00
 11 (i) At the time the apprentice applies for a journeyman electrician license, the pro
 12 rata value of any remaining time on an apprentice electrician working license shall
 13 be credited toward the purchase of the journeyman electrician license.